Dear Honorable Members of the Environment Committee,

Please vote no on HB 5295 which establishes a factory-like farming program to slaughter thousands of rabbits for food consumption under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

At a time when we should be reducing our meat consumption and ending factory farming to save our environment and preserve our planet, I find it unimaginable that Connecticut would implement a new law to increase the practice. We need to be leaders in sustainability to reduce our impact.

In addition, rabbits are the third most popular family pet after dogs and cats. While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets and innovation in the agriculture field is moving away from meat products, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

Thank you, Rachel Solveira 15 Laurel Street West Haven, CT 06515